

# EMLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Emley.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg, again, to submit to you my annual report, on this occasion for the year 1904.

Population—Census, 1901	...	...	...	...	1429
Estimated, 1904	...	...	...	...	1445
Area in acres	...	...	...	...	3556

**BIRTHS.**—The number registered was fifty-two, giving a rate of 35·9 per 1000, which is lower than that of last year, though still in excess of the average rate shewn on the tables. Twenty-five males were born and twenty-seven females, and of the total number three were illegitimate.

**DEATHS.**—The nett Deaths belonging to the district were twenty-four (24) in number. Of these, one (1) occurred in a Public Institution outside the district, leaving for deaths actually occurring in your district a rate of 15·9, which is slightly below the average of the preceding period for which figures are recorded.

Ten (10) of the deaths were due to Respiratory affections. Eight (8) deaths were at ages exceeding 70 years. The rate for deaths occurring at ages under one year is 77 per 1000 births.

The health of the children in the district has been decidedly better than was the case in 1903. This is to be attributed largely to the absence of epidemic affections, specially affecting the young, such as Whooping Cough and Mumps, which caused widespread sickness and in 1903.

**EPIDEMICS.**—Influenza was prevalent during the last five weeks of the year, at the time that it was common throughout the West Riding and many other parts of the country. No deaths were directly attributed to this cause. The main features were intense headache, with pains in the back and limbs, a moderate pyrexia and prostration. The duration of acute symptoms was three to four days, and in about a third of the cases vomiting was a distressing and persisting complication.

**SMALL-POX.**—One case of this occurred at the beginning of July. As the subject had been vaccinated in infancy the attack was mild, and as the residence was isolated and the attendants at once re-vaccinated, fortunately, your district escaped an outbreak. This case arose from contact with a temporary resident, who had developed symptoms prior to his departure, but had not reported to a medical man. The premises where this man had lodged were disinfected and immediate contacts re-vaccinated.

I attended a meeting of your Council when the matter was brought forward. In view of the difficulties which would have arisen if further cases had occurred, I am disappointed that I cannot congratulate you yet on having a Small-Pox Hospital at your disposal, but trust that the obstacles to the progress of the work of the Joint Committee will not prove insurmountable.

It is well worth pointing out, however, that we have in re-vaccination, efficiently performed, a trustworthy guard, and if this view were acted upon by responsible citizens the present situation could be contemplated with greater equanimity.

The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as heretofore, has but little application in your district. The one domestic workshop has been found satisfactory.

I beg to append to my Report, Tables i., iii. and iv.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. BELL.

*Skelmanthorpe, January 6th, 1905.*



TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1904 and previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		Total Deaths registered in District.				Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT	
				Under One Year of Age.		At all Ages.				
		Numb'r	Rate*	Numb'r	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Numb'r	Rate*		Number	Rate*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1894	1412	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1895	1414	51	35.06	9	176.4	32	22.6	..	..	..
1896	1417	46	32.4	6	130.4	24	16.9	..	..	..
1897	1420	53	37.3	8	150.09	28	19.8	..	..	..
1898	1422	37	26.01	8	216.21	23	16.1	..	..	..
1899	1425	57	40.0	4	70.14	18	12.6	..	..	..
1900	1427	29	20.3	1	34.48	23	16.1	..	..	..
1901	1429	52	36.38	8	173.07	25	17.42	..	..	..
1902	1435	46	32.05	5	108.69	24	16.72	..	..	..
1903	1440	56	38.8	3	53.5	10	6.94	..	..	..
Average for years 1894-1901.	1424.1	47.4	33.14	5.77	123.6	23	16.13	..	..	..
1904	1445	52	35.9	4	77	23	15.9	1	24	16.6

\* Rates calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Area of District in Acres .. 3556      Number of Inhabited Houses .. .. 321  
Total Population at all Ages .. 1429      Average Number of Persons per House .. 4.45

TABLE IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Deaths during the year 1904.

Causes of Death.	Deaths at subjoined Ages.							Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	
Diarrhoea .....	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	NIL.
Enteritis .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Puerperal Fever .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other septic diseases .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Phthisis .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other tubercular diseases ..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	
Cancer, malignant disease ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	
Bronchitis .....	5	..	..	..	..	1	4	
Pneumonia .....	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	
Premature Birth .....	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	
Heart Diseases .....	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	
Accidents .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Suicides .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Peritonitis .....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	
Intussusception .....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	
Senile Decay or Old Age ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	
General Paralysis .....	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	
Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Convulsions .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Debility .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
All causes .....	24	4	4	4	..	4	8	

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the Year, 1904.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	Cases notified in Whole District.						
	At all Ages.	At Ages - Years.					
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.
Small-pox .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Erysipelas .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ....	3	..	1	1	..	..	..
Enteric Fever ....	3	1	..	..	2	..	..
TOTALS .....	8	1	1	1	3	..	..

